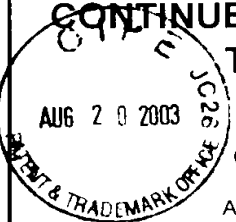




REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL 	Application Number	09/851,456
	Filing Date	May 8, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Stephen Zimmerman, et al.
	Group Art Unit	1761
	Examiner Name	Drew E. Becker
	Attorney Docket Number	8074M
	Confirmation Number	3630

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- a. ☐ Previously submitted
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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
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- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

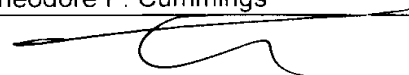
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
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In response to the Office Action of June 11, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.